

Question & Answers for Lantern Tours

1. What is a Lantern Tour?

The Lantern Tour is a wonderful opportunity to experience the Fort at night. Each adult attending the program will carry their own candle lantern and tour with a Park Ranger through the Counting House, Fur Store, Chief Factors House and Kitchen, and/or Bake House. You will learn what activities would have occurred during the evening hours at Fort Vancouver and enjoy a cup of hot cider at the end of the tour. Tours are offered October, November, December, January, & February.

2. How long is the tour?

The tour is approximately 1 ½ hour long, with time afterwards for questions. Please advise guests to plan to arrive no later than 6:30p.m. so there is time for them to park, pay, & get oriented prior to the tour beginning at 7:00p.m.

3. How much does the Lantern Tour cost?

The price is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 15 years and under, to be paid at the time of the tour.

4. Will my National Park Pass cover the Lantern Tour Fee?

No, National Park Passes cover entrance fees only. Fee based programs are paid separately.

5. Where do we meet for the tour?

The tours will begin inside the fort at 7pm. There will be a line of lit lanterns to guide you from the parking lot to the Fort.

6. Are children permitted on the Lantern Tours?

Children are permitted. The Lantern Tour would be best enjoyed by children 10 years and older.

7. May children carry a lantern?

Due to safety reasons, only adults and children 15 years and older may carry a lantern.

8. What do I wear on the tour?

We recommend that you wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing for inclement weather. The tour will go as scheduled even with rain.

9. How do I make a reservation? What if we need to cancel or make changes to my reservation?

Visitors may make reservations by calling the visitor center, 360.816.6230. If you need to make any changes to your reservation, please call between 9-4pm or leave a message if calling after hours. You may make changes up until 12 noon on the actual date of the tour allowing those on the waiting list an opportunity to attend that evening's tour.

10. What if the tours are full?

Reservations may be taken for up to 75 people per tour date. If full, you may add your name to the waiting list. If an opening occurs, the next person on the waiting list will be notified.

11. May I make reservations for tours in the other months?

Yes, you may make reservations for any tour in September, October, November, December, January, or February. Reservations can be taken starting on August 1, 2012, Call (360) 816-6230 Monday through Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00pm, and Sundays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.